

REMARKS

In reply to the Office Action of July 2, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 6, and 20 have been amended. Claim 13 is cancelled. Claims 21-27 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-12 and 14-27 are now pending after entry of this amendment. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification (paragraph beginning at page 11, line 19) has been amended to correct the examples of elements belonging to the group of alkaline earth metals. While the metals aluminum, zirconium and tantalum are candidates for forming the getter layer, these elements are not members of the alkaline earth metals group. The applicant submits that no new matter has been added to the specification with this correction.

Section 112 Rejections

Claims 3 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 3 and 20 have been amended to spell out the abbreviation OLED, organic light emitting diode. The applicant believes these amendments remove any indefiniteness associated with the abbreviation OLED.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1-12 and 14-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Number 2003/0197197 (“Brown”). The applicant respectfully disagrees.

Amended claim 1 recites a device. The device includes a getter layer disposed on active components.

Brown describes an organic electronic device having a substrate layer 110, a barrier layer 120 and an adhesive layer 130 surrounding an OLED region 116 (FIG. 4, paragraph 0069). A getter material 118 is provided on the barrier layer 120, to the substrate layer 110, or within the

adhesive layer 130 (FIG. 4, paragraphs 0070, 0071 and 0073). Brown shows a space separating the getter material 118 and the OLED region 116 (FIG. 4).

Although Brown describes an organic device with a getter layer, Brown fails to disclose a getter layer that is disposed on active components. Amended claim 1 requires that the getter layer is disposed on active components. For at least this reason, the applicant submits that Brown does not anticipate amended claim 1. Claims 2-12 and 14-19 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are not anticipated by Brown for at least the same reason.

Claim 20 recites an organic device. The device includes organic light emitting diode (OLED) cells. A getter layer is disposed on the OLED cells.

As described above, Brown describes forming a getter layer on a substrate 110, within an adhesive layer 130 or on a barrier layer 120. However, Brown fails to suggest or disclose a getter layer that is disposed on OLED cells. For at least this reason, the applicant submits that claim 20 is not anticipated by Brown.

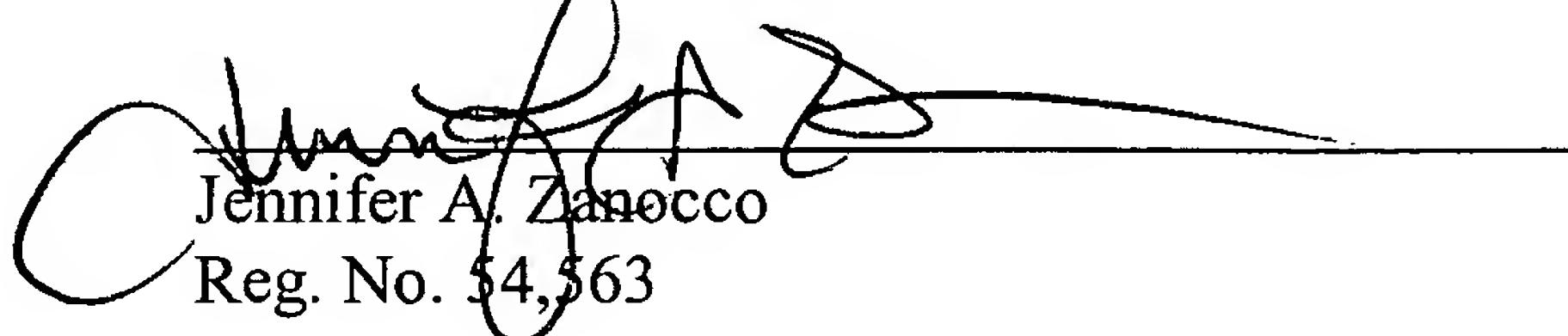
New Claims

Claims 21-27 are new claims. No new matter has been added. Each of the new claims depends directly or indirectly from claim 20.

Enclosed is a \$108 check for excess claim fees and a \$110 check for the One-Month Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other appropriate charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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